

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 5 1. (currently amended) A method of indicating receipt of a communication, comprising:

registering a first message-indicating device for a user, said first device comprising an indicator;

- 10 registering a second message-indicating device for said user, said second device comprising an alarm;

receiving notification of receipt of a first communication directed to a communication device associated with the user;

initiating a first wireless signal to said first message-indicating device;

initiating said first wireless signal to said second message-indicating device;

- 15 wherein in response to said first signal, said indicator of said first device and said alarm of said second device activate ~~activates~~ to alert the user; ~~and~~

wherein said first message-indicating device and said communication device are separate devices; and

deactivating said indicator upon acknowledgement of said receipt of said communication by said user.

2. (previously amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
initiating a second wireless signal to said first message-indicating device;
5 wherein in response to said second signal said indicator deactivates.

3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said second wireless signal is initiated after the user accesses said first communication.

4. (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said indicator deactivates in response to manipulation of the first message-indicating device by the user.

- 10 5. (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said registering comprises:

receiving an identification code of said first message-indicating device from the user; and

associating said identification code with one or more types of communications.

- 15 6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein said first communication is a voice-mail message.

9. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein said first communication is an electronic mail message.
10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
~~registering a second message indicating device for the user; and~~
5 initiating said first signal to said second device when said first signal is initiated to said first device.
11. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
~~registering a second message indicating device for the user; and~~
initiating said first signal to said second device when notification of receipt of a
10 second communication directed to the user is received, but not when said notification of said first communication is received.
12. (currently amended) A method of using a message-waiting device to notify a user of receipt of a communication for the user, the method comprising:

receiving a communication directed to a communication device associated with
15 said user;

initiating a first electronic signal to a first message-waiting device associated with the user, wherein said first message-waiting device includes an indicator and said first electronic signal is configured to activate said indicator;

initiating said first electronic signal to a second message-waiting device
20 associated with the user, wherein said second message-waiting device includes an
alarm and said first electronic signal is configured to activate said alarm;

providing said communication to said user; and

after said providing, automatically initiating a second electronic signal to said first message-waiting device, wherein said second electronic signal is configured to deactivate said indicator upon acknowledgement of said receipt of said communication
5 by said user;

wherein said first message-waiting device and said communication device are separate devices.

13. (currently amended) A method of indicating receipt of a communication, comprising:

10 receiving a first wireless signal at a first message-indicating device, wherein said first device includes ~~an~~ a first alarm;

receiving said first wireless signal at a second message-indicating device immediately after said receipt of said first wireless signal at said first device, wherein said second device includes a second alarm;

15 activating said first alarm and said second alarm in response to said first wireless signal; and

deactivating said first alarm upon acknowledgement of said receipt of said communication by said user;

20 wherein receipt of said first wireless signal indicates that a first communication was directed to a communication device associated with a user of said first device; and

wherein said first message-indicating device and said communication device are separate devices.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein deactivating said first alarm comprises deactivating said first alarm in response to a second wireless signal.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein said second signal is received after the user accesses said first communication.

5 16. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein deactivating said first alarm comprises deactivating said first alarm in response to manipulation of the first device by the user.

17. (original) The method of claim 13, further comprising registering said first device for activation in response to receipt of one of multiple types of communications including
10 said first communication.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising:
registering a said second message-indicating device for activation in response to receipt of one of said multiple types of communications;

~~receiving a first wireless signal at said second message-indicating device~~
15 ~~immediately after said receipt of said first wireless signal at said first device, wherein~~
~~said second device includes an alarm; and~~
~~activating said alarm of said second device in response to said first wireless~~
~~signal.~~

19. (currently amended) A computer readable storage medium storing instructions that, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform a method of indicating receipt of a communication, the method comprising:

5 registering a first message-indicating device for a user, said first device comprising an indicator;

registering a second message-indicating device for said user, said second device comprising an alarm;

receiving notification of receipt of a first communication directed to a communication device associated with the user;

10 initiating a first wireless signal to said first message-indicating device;

initiating said first wireless signal to said second message-indicating device;

wherein in response to said first signal, said indicator of said first device and said alarm of said second device activate ~~activates~~ to alert the user; ~~and~~

15 wherein said first message-indicating device and said communication device are separate devices; and

deactivating said indicator upon acknowledgement of said receipt of said communication by said user.

20. (currently amended) A portable apparatus for indicating receipt of a communication, comprising:

20 a first message-indicating device further comprising a signal receiver configured to receive a first wireless signal generated after receipt of a communication directed to a

communication device associated with a user; and

an indicator configured to activate in response to receipt of said first signal; and

a second message-indicating device further comprising another signal receiver
configured to receive said first wireless signal and an alarm configured to activate in
5 response to receipt of said first signal;

wherein said indicator is configured to deactivate in response to a second signal
upon acknowledgement of said receipt of said communication by said user; and

wherein said apparatus and said communication device are separate devices.

21. (original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said second signal is a wireless
10 signal.

22. (original) The apparatus of claim 20, further comprising a switch configured to
issue said second signal in response to user manipulation.

23. (original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein said indicator comprises said
switch.

15 24. (original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said indicator is a visual indicator.

25. (original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said indicator is an audible
indicator.

26. (canceled)

27. (canceled)

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30. (canceled)

5 31. (currently amended) A communication waiting indication system comprising:

a first communication waiting indication device associated with a first user, said first device comprising an a first alarm;

a second communication waiting indication device associated with said first user, said second device comprising a second alarm; and

10 a notification server configured to issue a first wireless signal toward said first device and said second device in response to receipt of a first communication directed to a communication device associated with the first user;

wherein in response to said first wireless signal, said first alarm is activated;

15 wherein said notification server initiates a second wireless signal toward said first device after the first user acknowledges said first communication and wherein, in response to said second wireless signal, said first alarm is deactivated; and

wherein said first waiting indication device and said communication device are separate devices.

32. (canceled)

33. (currently amended) The system of claim 31, ~~further comprising:~~

~~a second communication waiting indication device associated with the first user,
said second device comprising an alarm;~~

wherein said second alarm of said second device is also activated in response to
5 said first wireless signal.

34. (currently amended) The system of claim 31, ~~further comprising:~~

~~a second message waiting indication device associated with the first user, said
second device comprising an alarm;~~

wherein said second alarm of said second device is not activated in response to
10 said first wireless signal.

35. (cancelled)